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ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Statistics relating to the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights

Note by the secretariat

The statistics contained in the annex have been collected by the secretariat for the information of the Commission with respect to the organization of its work at its fifty-eighth session.

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Annex

STATISTICAL DATA RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Participants

Status of participants	Number of delegations	Number of participants	Number of women	Percentage of women
Members of the Commission	53	727	230	31.5
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	91	608	193	32
Non-Member States represented by observers	2	29	9	31
United Nations bodies	14	153	68	44.5
Specialized agencies	7	71	41	57.5
Intergovernmental organizations	10	65	23	35.5
National human rights institutions	37	73	13	18
Non-governmental organizations, of which	250	1 888	829	44
NGOs in general consultative status	33	326	130	
NGOs in special consultative status	172	1 315	605	
NGOs on the Roster	45	247	94	
Other observers[a]	4	49	21	43
TOTAL	468	3 663	1 427	39

[a] Palestine, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, University of Peace.

B. Meetings and parallel activities

Type of meeting	Number
Plenary meetings	80
of which:	
Evening and night meetings	27
Closed meetings	2
Bureau meetings (in-session)	12
Parallel activities, including:	735
Meetings of national institutions	12
Consultations held by Governments	361
Meetings of regional groups	146
Meetings organized by the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	59
Meetings organized by NGOs	153
Chair's consultations with NGOs	4

C. Use of time during plenary meetings

1. Total

Total meeting time used[a]	219h 29'
Total meeting time lost	19h 31'
including through:	
Late starting	13h 24'
Early ending	3h 57'

[a] Six hours and 22 minutes of this total were used for the 18th and 27th meetings, which were closed meetings.

2. Statements by dignitaries

By delegation	Total number	Number of women	Time[a]
Members of the Commission (including one head of State)	30	4	7h 18'
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers (including three heads of State)	32	5	6h 40'
Non-Member States represented by observers (including one head of State)	2		33'
Intergovernmental organizations	2		31'
United Nations Secretary-General	1		14'
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	1		23'
United Nations bodies	1		13'
TOTAL	69	9	15h 52'

[a] The average time for dignitaries' statements was 14 minutes.

3. By type of intervention

A total of 1,468 interventions were made during the fifty-seventh session of the Commission. This total comprises interventions made during plenary meetings and in the voting process, rights of reply and points of order. These interventions are broken down as follows:

Delegation/speaker (during the general debate and in the voting process)	Number	Statements made by women	Time[a]
High Commissioner for Human Rights	9	9	1h 53'
Members of the Commission	294	73	37h 30'
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	220	49	20h 41'
Joint statements by government delegations	36	10	5h 16'
Non-Member States represented by observers	12	-	1h 2'
National institutions	26	4	3h
Intergovernmental organizations	2	1	10'
United Nation bodies	14	5	1h 46'
Specialized agencies	18	3	2h 8'
Other observers	12	3	1h 7'
Non-governmental organizations	548	229	45h 48'
Opening/closing statements and conclusions made by Chairpersons	7	-	1h 53'
Special rapporteurs, special representatives, independent experts, chairpersons of working groups	60	18	10h 21'
Panellists (Special debate on tolerance and respect)	12	2	2h 24'
TOTAL	1 270	406 (31% of total)	134h 59'

[a] In addition, 18 hours, 38 minutes were used by the Chairperson and the secretariat for organizational matters (conduct of business and announcements).

Rights of reply	Number	Time
Members of the Commission	56	2h 20'
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	113	2h 53'
Other observers (Palestine)	6	20'
TOTAL	175	5h 13'

Points of order	Number	Time
Members of the Commission	22	23'
States Members of the United Nations represented by observers	1	1'
TOTAL	23	24'

4. Statements by regional group

Regional group	Number of statements	Percentage of all statements	Time
African States	71	22.5	8h 51'
Asian States	104	33.5	12h 39'
Eastern European States	29	9	3h 16'
Latin American States	67	21.5	9h 14'
Western European and Other States	43	13.5	4h 44'
TOTAL (including joint statements made by members of the Commission)	314	100	38h 44'

D. Voting

1. Time

A total of 35 hours and 2 minutes were spent on voting, which took place at 16 meetings.

2. Results

	Resolutions[a]	Decisions	Chairperson's statements
Adopted:	82	19	3
By a roll-call vote	32	1	
By show of hands	-	-	
Without a vote	50	18	

[a] A motion of no action was carried with respect to one draft resolution, in a roll-call vote.

3. Time used for voting, and resolutions and decisions adopted, by item

Item	Number of resolutions and decisions adopted	Time
3	4	5'
4	-	-
5	3	55'
6	2	30'
7	1	20'
8	3	2h 50'
9	16	11h 32'
10	13	3h 10'
11	15	7h 10'
12	4	22'
13	2	47'
14	8	48'
15	4	52'
16	1	16'
17	17	3h 50'
18	6	1h 9'
19	2	10'
20	-	-

E. Documentation

A total of 554 documents (8,324 pages) were submitted for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights. These documents are divided into the following categories:

Documents[a] issued for the fifty-seventh session	Number	Pages submitted
Pre-session (total)	361	5 638
General distribution	183	4 945
NGO written statements	178	693
In-session (total)	189	2 051
General distribution	28	293
NGO written statements	14	53
Limited distribution:		
Draft resolutions, decisions and amendments	106	667
Draft report	26	630
Miscellaneous	15	408
Post-session (total) (Report of the Commission)	4	635
TOTAL	554	8 324

[a] In total, 554 documents (8,324 pages) were submitted for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, compared to 525 documents (6,473 pages) for the previous session. The total for the fifty-seventh session includes 192 NGO documents (746 pages), compared to 157 NGO documents (622 pages) at the previous session.